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P&G Case 9066M2

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In the application of:

KENNETH DOUGLAS VINSON

Serial No.: 10/688,118

Filed: October 17, 2003

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For: Paper Softening Compositions Containing Low Levels Of High Molecular Weight
Polymers And Soft Tissue Paper Products Comprising Said Compositions

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2. ☐ **37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3) - (use when filing IDS more than 3 months after filing a nonprovisional patent application, but prior to receipt of first Office Action)**

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3. ☐ **37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(4) - (use when filing IDS prior to receipt of first Office Action after the filing of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under §1.114)**

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5. ☐ **Information to be Considered with Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) Filing (use when filing IDS with a Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) for Design Case).** This information disclosure statement is being filed with a Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) filed under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(d).

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☐ (4) Copies of all said documents, except Cite Numbers ____, were submitted and considered in parent application U.S. Patent Application Serial No. ____, filed _____. Applicant(s) claim priority to said application under 35 U.S.C. §120. Accordingly, copies of previously submitted references are not provided with this Statement, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.98(d). Copies of references not previously submitted are enclosed. It is respectfully requested that the cited documents be carefully considered by the Examiner and made of record in this case.

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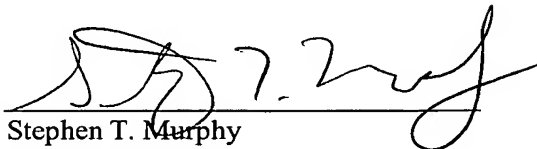
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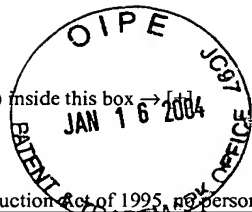
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